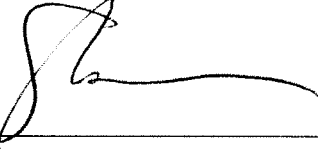


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<b>ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET</b> (Instructions on Reverse)		<b>ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER</b> (Court Use Only)		
<b>PLAINTIFFS</b> Superior Air Parts, Inc.	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> Thielert AG			
<b>ATTORNEYS</b> (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Stephen A. Roberts, Robert P. Franke, and Duane J. Brescia Strasburger & Price, LLP, 600 Congress Ave., Ste. 1600 Austin, TX 78701 (Tel 512.499.3600)	<b>ATTORNEYS</b> (If Known) Chester Salomon Stevens & Lee, 485 Madison Ave., 20th Fl. New York, New York 10022 (Tel. 212.537.0404)			
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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES		
NAME OF DEBTOR Superior Air Parts, Inc.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 08-36705
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas	DIVISION OFFICE Dallas Division	NAME OF JUDGE Honorable Barbara J. Houser
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)		
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) 		
DATE 2/17/2009	PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) Stephen A. Roberts	

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

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**Attorneys.** Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

**Party.** Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

<b>IN RE:</b>	§	
	§	<b>Case No. 08-36705</b>
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<b>SUPERIOR AIR PARTS, INC.,</b>	§	<b>Chapter 11</b>
	§	
<b>Debtor.</b>	§	
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<b>SUPERIOR AIR PARTS, INC.</b>	§	
	§	
<b>V.</b>	§	<b>ADVERSARY NO. _____</b>
	§	
<b>THIELERT AG</b>	§	

**DEBTOR’S COMPLAINT TO AVOID LIENS  
AND SECURITY INTERESTS OF THIELERT AG**

TO: THE HONORABLE BARBARA J. HOUSER,  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Superior Air Parts, Inc. (“Debtor” or “Superior”) files this Complaint to Avoid Liens and Security Interests of Thielert AG and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

**I.  
PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Superior Air Parts, Inc. is the Debtor-in-Possession in this case.
2. Defendant Thielert AG is the owner of all of the outstanding shares of Superior and is a secured creditor of Superior. Thielert AG has filed a proof of claim in

this case and may be served with process by service upon its counsel, Chester B. Salomon, Stevens & Lee, 485 Madison Avenue, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10022.

## **II. JURISDICTION**

3. This is an action to avoid an unperfected lien on property of the estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544. The Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408.

## **III. BACKGROUND**

5. Superior is a Texas corporation with its offices and operating facilities located in Coppell, Dallas County, Texas. On December 31, 2008, Superior filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Superior sells Superior-brand parts for engines manufactured by Teledyne Continental Motors, Inc. and the Lycoming Engines division of Avco Corporation, a subsidiary of Textron, Inc. Superior is also an OEM for the 180-horsepower Vantage Engine and owner-built XM-360 engines for various aircraft companies. Superior is a distributor of over 2,000 general parts purchased from other manufacturers, which complement its own product line.

6. On or about February 14, 2006, Thielert AG acquired all of the outstanding shares of Superior and entered into an Assignment Agreement effective that date with PNC Bank, National Association ("PNC Bank"), RSTW Partners III L.P., Rice Mezzanine Lenders, L.P. and SP Holdings pursuant to which PNC Bank assigned to Thielert AG its right, title and interest in its Revolving Credit and Security Agreement with Superior,

dated as of May 31, 2002, and the amendments and agreement relating thereto. At the time of the assignment, Superior's indebtedness to PNC Bank was secured by substantially all the assets of Superior, which consist solely of personal property. Upon information and belief, RSTW Partners III, L.P. contemporaneously assigned its subordinated notes to Thielert AG.

7. Thielert filed a proof of claim in this case, asserting a secured claim in the amount of \$10,146,611.11.

8. Thielert did not attach any security agreement or evidence of perfection to its proof of claim.

9. There is no active Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement on file with the Texas Secretary of State, perfecting the lien of Thielert AG.

10. Thielert AG's liens and security interests on Superior's assets are unperfected.

#### **IV.**

#### **CAUSE OF ACTION – AVOIDANCE OF LIENS AND SECURITY INTERESTS**

11. The liens and security interests of Thielert AG on the property of Superior are avoidable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544.

12. A debtor operating as a Debtor-in-possession has the right to seek to avoid pre-petition liens pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §544. *Gandy v. Gandy*, 299 F.3d 489, 497 (5th Cir. 2002). The "strong arm powers" statute, Section 544, provides, in relevant part:

- (a) The Trustee shall have, as of the commencement of the case, and without regard to any knowledge of the Trustee or of any creditor, the rights and powers of, or may avoid any transfer of property of the Debtor or any obligation incurred by the Debtor that is voidable by

- (i) a creditor that extends credit to the Debtor at the time of the commencement of the case, and that obtains, at such time and with respect to such credit, a judicial lien on all property on which a creditor on a simple contract could have obtained such a judicial lien, whether or not a creditor exists; or
- (ii) a creditor that extends credit to the Debtor at the time of the commencement of the case, and obtains, at such time and with respect to such credit, an execution against the Debtor that is returned unsatisfied at such time, whether or not such a creditor exists; ....

11 U.S.C § 544.

13. The extent of the Trustee's rights as a judicial lien creditor, or a creditor with execution unsatisfied, is measured by the substantive law of the jurisdiction governing the property in question. *See, e.g., In re Bridge*, 18 F.3d 195 (3rd Cir. 1994); *In re Kitchin Equip. Co. of Va., Inc.*, 960 F.2d 1242 (4th Cir. 1992); *In re Kors, Inc.*, 819 F.2d 19 (2nd Cir. 1987).

14. Under Section 544(a)(i), the analysis is whether the holder of the security interest in the Debtor's property has taken the steps necessary under applicable law to put other potential creditors on notice of its interest by proper perfection. COLLIER ON BANKRUPTCY, Section 544.02 (Matthew Bender 2008). Section 9-317 (a)(ii) of the Uniform Commercial Codes provides that such a security interest is subordinate to the right of a "lien creditor." *Id.* (In Texas, this provision is found in Section 9.317 of the TEXAS BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE.) The bankruptcy trustee may also use the "strong arm clause" to avoid unperfected security interests in personal property subject to Article 9 of the UCC, *Sommers vs. IBM*, 640 F.2d 686 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1981), as well as to avoid unperfected liens and security interests in real property or personal property to the extent that a judgment lien creditor may do so under applicable non-bankruptcy law.

See *In re Wheaton Oaks Office Partners Limited Partnership*, 27 F.3d 1234 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1994).

15. Subsection (a)(ii) provides that the Trustee has the right of a creditor with a lien returned unsatisfied. The effect of the statute is to give the Trustee the equitable rights of a creditor who has exhausted its legal remedies. This opens the way for appropriate equitable relief. Collier on Bankruptcy Section 544.86

16. Thielert AG was required to file proof of its security interest, including evidence of perfection, if any, along with its Proof of Claim. BANKRUPTCY RULE 3001. Thielert AG has failed to attach to its proof of claim any evidence of a security agreement or perfection. Thus, Thielert AG's lien is subject to avoidance pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544.

WHEREFORE, Superior requests that the Court enter judgment avoiding the liens and security interests of Thielert AG on the assets of Superior. Superior requests such other relief as is just.

Respectfully submitted,

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